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- On or about 12 October 1950 Bulgarian security troops arrived in the village of Kosle in the vicinity of Dragoman and arrested 20 young men on charges of resisting the regime, dispatching them forthwith to the interior. This so aroused the villagers that they openly rebelled against the action, and additional troops had to be moved in to restore order.
- 2. In mid-October the inhabitants of the village of Lokva, located near the Yugoslav border, were moved to the interior and the entire village was evacuated. The reason for this is believed to be that the village was known as a forward position used by Bulgarians for crossing the frontier to Yugoslavia.
- 3. During recent months the Bulgarians have applied greater pressure on Macedonians in Bulgaria. In the Gorna Dzhumaya all Macedonian schools have been closed and the books confiscated. Public instruction is no longer being given in the Macedonian language but only in Bulgarian. Macedonians in Pirin are being required to register, and those who fail to do so are jailed. After several families from the village of Dobri Dol had registered, they were transferred to a village near the eastern frontier from which Turkish families recently had been expelled. The question is publicly discussed in this region that it is but a matter of time before all Macedonians will be sent to the interior of the country and their villages taken over by the Bulgarians.
- In late October 1950, in the region of Kriva Palanka (Macedonia), Bulgarian troops crossed the frontier into Yugoslevia and set fire to several farm houses. Yugoslav troops were moved up to meet them and, after several hours firing, the Bulgarians withdrew.

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